

# Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

SATURDAY.....JAN. 18.

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The following gentlemen are authorized to receive and receipt for subscriptions to the Free Press in their respective localities:—

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## HOME NEWS.

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SEE advertisement of Mr. Noble of the head of the river property for sale.

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THE purifying influence of Ayer's Sarsaparilla beautifies the complexion.

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THOSE desiring local notices or advertisements inserted must hand them in on or before Thursday evening in order to secure their insertion.

THE weather has been milder this week, and preparations for gardening are in progress.

LANDRETH'S Fresh Garden Seeds, varieties selected with special reference to their adaptation to our soil and climate.

RAYNOLDS & DANIEL.

By one of those casualties, not uncommon in newspaper publishing in Western Texas, we failed to get a supply of paper, although ordered in good time, and hence are compelled to put our readers upon "half rations" this week.

THE Houston Telegram publishes a deed of trust given by the Narrow Gauge Railroad to raise money for the extension of the road in this direction. This looks like business.

## For Sale.

Two good mules, two horses, fifty head of fine hogs will be sold very cheap. Come and see them at the head of the river.

F. M. NOBLE.

THROUGH inadvertence we failed last week to call attention to the legal card of Brown & Manlove, in our columns.

APPROPOS of the letter suggesting the building of a railroad to this place by our people, there is a precedent in the case of Georgetown. Williamson co., the people of which have built a road of full grade, some ten or twelve miles, we believe, connecting that place with the International.

WE called at the Dental Office of Dr. Combs this week, when he was finishing up a set of teeth, which for artistic beauty is unsurpassed by anything of the kind we have ever seen, the plate being of a rose or flesh color, light and durable. Warranted to give satisfaction, and at prices to suit the hard times.

## Notice Extraordinary!

We offer for sale the best make of Wagons and Plows. Also both barbed and common fencing wire.

Our stock of Dry Goods will be sold cheaper than ever. Groceries also very cheap for cash.

N. B. All knowing themselves indebted to us will please come forward and settle without delay. We must have money.

D. R. COCHRAN & CO.

THE firm of Donalson & Johnson will by mutual consent be dissolved Feb. 1, 1879. Their present stock is full in all departments and will be sold at greatly reduced prices, strictly for cash.

Those indebted to us are earnestly requested to make early settlement, as our books must be closed by Feb. 1879.

DONALSON & JOHNSON.

Sherman said in the Cabinet yesterday that the business of the country had been stimulated to renewed activity by resumption of specie payment.

## Personal.

The ladies of Mr. Obanion's family have our thanks for substantial favors. Mr. Manlove has had a severe attack of pneumonia, but we are glad to hear is recovering.

We notice by the proceedings of the Legislature that our townsman A. M. Belvin was elected engrossing clerk of the Senate.

H. A. Coggins was awarded the contract of keeping the poor of the county, at \$8 per month each, and the poor farm rent free. One of them who has been kept by the county for some years "absquatulated" rather than go to the poor farm.

We had the pleasure of a call yesterday from John Wilson, of Wimberly Mills neighborhood, an intelligent gentleman, a Norwegian by birth, but one of the oldest and most respectable citizens of this county.

We are under special obligations to Mr. Wilson, of Hutchison's Ranch, for the return of our pony, without charge, by which he made us and our little ones happy. His kindness is warmly appreciated at "The Hermitage."

## From Blanco.

EDITOR SAN MARCOS FREE PRESS: Thirty five miles West of your city lies the town of Blanco. Situated as it is upon the Rio Blanco—a clear running stream—as regards health, climate, beauty of position, etc., it is all that could be desired. The town is fast building up; five new houses having been completed during the last month, and several others now in process of erection. The "Blanco Graded School," after the usual holidays, has resumed, with Prof. John C. Cox as principal and Prof. W. B. Lacy and Miss Sue C. Harris as assistants, the arduous task of "teaching the young idea how to shoot."

The "times," as we call them, in and around Blanco are good. Farmers have long since garnered the fruits of their labors, and are now preparing for another crop. The large flouring and grist mill of Mr. Jno. M. Compas has been steadily at work for some months. The Blanco Valley Mills flour meets with ready sale in Fredericksburg, Austin and San Antonio, and classes well with Northern flour. The future of Blanco city seems to be bright; with good farms in the valleys and cattle upon its hills, it cannot help but build up and prosper. All Blanco, like many other Southern towns, lacks enterprise; this time alone can bring. Yours Respectfully, HARRIE W. SPEER.

Should the International be extended from this city to San Marcos during 1879, as is probable, lands between the Colorado and San Marcos rivers will be in demand at increased prices. It is probable that lands in this and adjoining counties that are now on the market at from \$1 to \$3 per acre will in five years be worth from \$3 to \$10. The extension of railroads and the consequent influx of people into sparsely settled sections soon doubles and trebles the price of lands. In the old and settled States improved lands are worth from \$75 to \$300 an acre, and in time lands will be just as high in Texas. In Northern Texas, where the population is three times greater to the square mile than here, lands are three times higher, and no better than in Travis, Hays, Comal and Caldwell counties.—Austin Statesman.

THE Scientific American of New York, the best paper of its kind in the world, has our thanks for specimens of the newly discovered coal oil product "uranine," and for the kindly new year wishes of its editors. For all mechanics, scientists and inventors there is nowhere a paper one-tenth as good as the Scientific American, and its proprietors are the safest patent agents in the country.

It is said the Cibola creek in West Texas disappears in a rocky gorge three miles from Berne, and runs under ground forty miles. In some places natural wells 240 feet are found, from which the roaring of this subterranean creek can be distinctly heard.—Telegram.

The prices of stamped envelopes having been reduced on the first instant, the Post Office Department reports a large increase of sales. On Saturday last 4,466,600 envelopes, amounting to \$97,555 were sold. These sales are double those of any previous day in the history of the Department.

John A. Jenks, of Pawtucket, R. I., seduced the wife of George H. Brown, who killed Jenks and then tried to kill himself. Killing in such cases comes from the killer thinking he has been greatly wronged. If he has been true to his marriage vows he has the right to feel so, but no man, who has himself gone astray, has a right to kill his wife for doing so or to kill another man.

England has seen her best days. The present extreme distress may be only temporary, but the causes of her decline are not temporary. The rivalry of the United States and other great food producing countries is permanent, and the oppressive land tenures are permanent.

## Our Clubbing List for 1879.

We are prepared to club the FREE PRESS to new or renewing subscribers with the following publications at the rates specified below, if ordered at the same time with our paper. In the first column we give the regular price of each publication singly, in the second the price of the same and the FREE PRESS together:

	Singly.	Free Press.
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N. Y. Weekly Tribune.....	2 00	3 00
St. Louis Republic.....	1 50	3 50
N. Y. Ledger.....	3 00	4 00
The Graphic (weekly).....	2 50	3 00
Louisville Courier Journal.....	2 00	3 40
Detroit Free Press.....	2 00	3 40
Burlington Hawkeye.....	2 00	3 40
Saturday Evening Post.....	3 15	4 30
New York Observer.....	2 00	3 00
Colman's Rural World.....	2 00	3 00
Journal of Agriculture.....	2 00	3 00
American Agriculturist.....	1 50	3 15
Scientific American.....	3 50	4 70
Scribner's Monthly.....	4 00	5 20
Popular Science Monthly.....	3 00	4 20
Atlantic Monthly.....	4 00	5 20
Lippincott's Magazine.....	4 00	5 20
Vegetable Magazine.....	5 00	6 15
Phenological Journal.....	2 00	3 15
Peterson's Magazine.....	2 00	3 15
Appleton's Journal.....	3 00	4 15
International Review.....	4 50	5 65
Magazine of American History.....	4 50	5 65
Frank Leslie's Illustrated News-paper.....	4 00	5 15
" " Ladies' Journal.....	4 00	5 15
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" " other publications at proportionate rates.....		

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" Weekly..... 5 00 6 15  
" Bazar..... 4 00 5 15  
Godey's Lady's Magazine..... 3 00 4 15  
Demorest's Monthly..... 3 00 4 15  
The Nursery..... 1 50 3 15  
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Monthly..... 1 50 2 65  
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Pioneer..... 2 50 3 65  
Hallow's Magazine..... 1 50 3 40  
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Postage is prepaid on all the above, and premiums sent in some cases. For particulars inquire at this office.

We will also order any of the above singly, or any other paper or periodical at publishers' prices, free of charge.

## Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.

The copartnership that heretofore existed between T. A. Deviney and T. J. Markley in the Blacksmith business, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 1st day of January, 1879. All accounts due the firm at Martindale are payable to T. A. Deviney, and all accounts due at San Marcos are payable to T. J. Markley.

T. A. DEVINEY.  
T. J. MARKLEY.

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Address THE ADVOCATE PUBLISHING HOUSE, Or, LOGAN D. DAMERON, Agent, St. Louis, Mo.

## PHOTOGRAPHS!

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W. S. & C. W. JUDD.

Dec. 21-3m.

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Nov. 5-17

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## COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

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## POLITICAL QUESTIONS

Will be discussed as they arise, and always from a non-partisan standpoint. Whatever relates to Texas or its interests will receive the most diligent attention. In fact nothing will be overlooked or neglected that goes to make up a first-class newspaper. Citizens of the interior who wish to keep abreast of current events will be able to do so by subscribing to their local paper and sending for the GALVESTON NEWS.

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## ESTRAY NOTICE.

ESTRAYED—Sept. 26, 1878, by W. J. Goforth before I. M. Broadhead, J. F. H. Co., one saddle mare, 10 years old, branded 4 S on left shoulder. Appraised at \$30.

Witness my hand Dec. 18, 1878. ED. J. L. GREEN, C. C. C. H. Co.

Dec. 14-3w

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BANKERS,  
San Marcos, Texas.  
All Collections promptly attended to. '78  
[August 22-17]

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BROWN & MANLOVE,  
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Jan. 18-79

W. O. HUTCHISON. THOS. H. FRANKLIN  
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San Marcos, Tex.

Prompt attention paid to Collecting Claims and Examining Land Titles. [Feb 1-17]

S. B. McBRIDE,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
San Marcos, Hays County, Texas.  
Will give prompt attention to all legal business offered him, and especially to the Collection of Claims. [Sept-17]

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June 6-17

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Sept. 29-17

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